

# Barron County Department Updates

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## Clerk of Courts

**Sharon Millermon**  
Clerk of Courts

January 1, 2016 begins a completely paperless era in the Barron County courts. All 2016 court files will be scanned and a paper file will not exist. This includes: criminal, civil, probate, guardianship, juvenile, etc. Scanning is nothing new to court staff as older files have been scanned to free up storage space, etc. for several years. The Clerk of Court Office began scanning certain case type files (traffic and ordinance) in their entirety on January 1, 2014. Family, paternity and small claims cases were added to the scanned case types on January 1, 2015. For these particular case types, the judges have been viewing a scanned

case on their computers versus a paper file being pulled and looked at.

Scanning older court files is definitely a lot of work for court staff. We are scanning one file at a time and work really hard trying to accomplish the goal of having those files scanned prior to the weekly court calendar. In new cases, the time taken to scan new files and documents as they are filed is similar to filing paper into a paper file folder.

Scanning is not to be confused with electronic filing. Scanning is labor intensive and receiving electronic filings are quite the opposite. A petition for mandatory e-filing is presently pending before the Supreme Court

with a requested implementation date of July 1, 2016 with the 72 counties being phased in based on readiness. We are doing everything we can in Barron County to be ready.

The paperless era brings many advantages to the courts. To identify a few: files no longer need to be located and organized for court, many users (judges, clerks, public) can access/view a case all at the same time and storage space is no longer an issue.

As always we live in changing times. Barron County can be proud of its judges and court staff for their cooperation, motivation and forward thinking approach to make the courts operate in an as efficient manner as possible.



## County Clerk

**DeeAnn Cook**  
County Clerk

The filing deadline for Spring Elections has passed. A statewide Primary for Justice of the Supreme Court will be held on February 16, 2016 to narrow the field. The two candidates receiving the most votes will move on to the April 5, 2016 election. Contests on the ballot for the

April election include Presidential Preference, Justice of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals District 3, Circuit Court Branch 1, County Board and several municipal and school level races.

At the county level, a 72 hour extension of the filing period was required in Supervisory Districts 6, 13 and 15 due to incumbents not filing candi-

dacy or non-candidacy. During that 72 hour period, any qualified elector residing in that district can file candidacy with the exception of the current incumbent. New candidates who have already filed candidacy in those districts include Craig Mohn in District 6, Steven J. Johnson in District 13 and Eric Pannier in District 15.

Non-candidacy forms were filed by Larry Leff in District 1, John Hardin in District 2 and Donna Cordes in District 8. New candidates filed in those districts include Bob Rogers in District 1, Oscar Skoug and Dan North in District 2 and Gary Taxdahl in District 8.

# Barron County Medical Examiner's Office Report

## Death Investigations - 2015 Totals

<u>MONTH</u>	<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>NATURAL</b>	<b>Suicide Homicide</b>	<b>ACCIDENT</b>	<b>PND</b>	<b>ATPSY</b>	<b>CRM</b>	<b>DC</b>	<b>NOTES</b>	<b>On Scene Inves- tigator</b>
<b>2015 JAN</b>	<b>34</b>	12	22	31	S = 1	Pdstrn = 1 Fall = 1	0	2 = C 1 = F	21	10	S=GSW Pedestrian Accident *MR & JW worked 1 case together	MR = 4 RL = 3 JW = 2 AP = 1
<b>FEB</b>	<b>27</b>	14	13	25	0	Aspir = 1 Farm = 1	0	1 = C	22	6		MR = 4 AP = 2 JW = 1
<b>MAR</b>	<b>31</b>	16	15	31	0	0	0	0	20	6		MR = 5 JW = 1
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>41</b>	18	23	38	0	MVF = 1 Fall = 1 Burns = 1	0	0	33	11	MVA-Newville Oxygen-Burns	MR = 6 AP = 1 JW = 3
<b>MAY</b>	<b>31</b>	15	16	27	0	Fall = 2 MVF = 1 MVF=DOOC	0	0	24	6	MVA-Bilodeau MVA=Regions Dewaele	MR = 2 AP = 2 JW = 1
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>33</b>	18	15	31	S = 1	Fall = 1	0	0	21	8	S = GSW	MR = 5 AP = 0 JW = 3
<b>JULY</b>	<b>24</b>	12	12	23	0	Drowning=1	0	1	19	3		MR = 3 AP = 1 JW = 1
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>31</b>	12	19	27	0	MVF = 2 Fall = 1	0	0	26	10	Disinterment = 1 Waived Fee= 2	MR = 6 AP = 4 JW = 1
<b>SEPT</b>	<b>34</b>	19	15	33	0	Fall = 1	0	0	19	10		MR = 6 AP = 3 PA = 2
<b>OCT</b>	<b>45</b>	26	19	41	S = 1	Pdstrn = 1 Fall = 1	0	1	36	16	Disinterment = 1 Waived Fee= 1	MR = 11 AP = 3 PA = 2
<b>NOV</b>	<b>32</b>	19	13	30	0	Fall = 2	0	0	24	3	Waived Fee= 1	AP = 1
<b>DEC</b>	<b>31</b>	13	18	29	0	MVF = 1	0	0	25	7	Disinterment = 1	MR = 6 AP = 1 PA = 1
<b>2015 TOTALS</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>3</b>	MVF = 6 Fall = 10 Pdstrn = 2 Drowning = 1 GSW = 2 C02 = 1 Farm = 1 Burns = 1 Asprtn = 1	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>Disinterments = 3</b>	<b>MR = 58 AP = 19 PA = 5 JW = 13 RL = 3</b>

Legend: PND = Pending; Autopsy = C-Clinical, F-Forensic; CRM = Cremation; DC = Death Certificate

MVF = Motor Vehicle  
Fatality

Pdstrn =  
Pedestrian

Asprtn =  
Aspiration

DOOC = Died outside of county

S = Gunshot  
wound

Investigator: MR = Mary Ricci AP = Allen Photopoulos PA = Pam Ambrozaitis JW = Jeff White (transferred) RL = Ryan Ludy (resigned)

**Barron County Medical Examiner Cases  
1987 - 2015**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>NATU- RAL</b>	<b>SUICIDE</b>	<b>ACCI- DENT</b>	<b>MVA</b>	<b>HOMI- CIDE</b>	<b>AUTOPSY</b>	<b>CREMATION</b>	<b>DEATH CERTIFICATE</b>
<b>1987</b>	96	30	9	19	12	1	7	22	No Data
<b>1991</b>	127	127	5	13	9	0	7	53	No Data
<b>1993</b>	148	56	9	19	5	0	11	60	No Data
<b>2002</b>	162	44	7	18	7	1	13	77	No Data
<b>2010</b>	291	260	9	19	5	0	8	233	77
<b>2011</b>	357	324	9	24	2	0	11	251	89
<b>2012</b>	374	336	5	27	7	0	13	263	100
<b>2013</b>	385	357	6	19	4	0	13	274	114
<b>2014</b>	380	355	4	15	2	1	10	256	87
<b>2015</b>	394	368	3	22	5	0	6	290	96